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A.—(*a*) The vacancy arose from the 29th July 1935.

(*b*) The Woman Assistant Surgeon attached to the Queen Alexandra Hospital for Women, Salem, had to be transferred from the place as her services were required elsewhere. As the cadre of the Women Assistant Surgeon was at the time short no substitute could immediately be posted to Salem. The necessary arrangements have since been made and a substitute posted to Salem.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" In the answer it is stated that the vacancy has since been filled up. May I know on what date it was filled up and for what period it was kept vacant? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" As my hon. Friend will see from the answer, the vacancy arose in July 1935; and in November 1935 it was filled up."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" The answer states that the Woman Assistant Surgeon attached to the Queen Alexandra Hospital had to be transferred from Salem as her services were required elsewhere. May I know to what station she was transferred and if that station is more important than Salem? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" Because Government considered that that place was more important, she was transferred."

Measures for the better equipment of the Tuberculosis Hospital.

* 590 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state the steps the Government have taken or propose to take to have a well-equipped tuberculosis hospital amidst hygienic surroundings?

A.—There is no proposal at present before Government for the construction of a Tuberculosis Hospital.

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—" Is it not a fact that there is a Tuberculosis Hospital in Bellary, and is there any proposal before Government in order to see that it is made more up to date for the benefit of the people? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" Notice, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" The Hon. Minister says in his answer that ' there is no proposal at present before the Government for the construction of a Tuberculosis Hospital.' I take it that it refers to the hospital once proposed to be constructed in Madras. Now that the proposal to construct one on the Spur Tank was given up, is there any other proposal before Government? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" There is no other proposal. There is a proposal however to take up the Tambaram Sanatorium."

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Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—" May I know whether it is the intention of the Government to make the present hospital look like an efficient hospital or to keep it in its present condition? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Government do not want that this hospital should remain in an inefficient condition, but if we find funds we will improve its condition."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any proposal to take up the Sanatorium at Tambaram under Government management? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" That is what I have already stated, that Government are proposing to take up the Tambaram Sanatorium under their management."

Examination of samples and stomach contents by the Government Chemical Examiner during the year 1934–35.

* 591 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many samples and stomach contents were received and examined by the Chemical Examiner to the Government of Madras during the year 1934–35; and

(*b*) the actual cost for examining each sample and stomach contents?

A.—(*a*) The following statement shows the number of cases dealt with and the number of articles analysed by the Chemical Examiner during 1934–35:—

	Cases.	Articles.
Human poisoning cases	337	2,007
Animal do.	19	71
Stain cases	999	5,192
Miscellaneous Medico-legal	99	598
General analysis..	154	154
Total ..	1,608	8,022

(*b*) It is not possible to work out the actual cost for examining each sample and stomach contents.

Need for the present staff at the Pasteur Institute, Coonoor.

* 592 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether after the adoption of the policy of giving anti-rabic treatment in all district headquarters hospitals, the continuation of the present staff of the Pasteur Institute, Coonoor, has been found necessary; and

(*b*) whether the question of appointing the Director on a lower scale of pay has been considered?